81 Jane Street,
New York -
Saty Morn.

My dear Gray - I have not your last letter before me, & must therefore beg your excuse, if any point required notice, but I believe it was a mere answer to my own -

Two days since, I removed to new quarters, & my address is now as above - The name of the street you will bear in mind, being one so dear to you, & ever in your thoughts; but as to the number - you must just rely upon the "Misses", for I do not expect that you will recollect it - The house is 3 doors West of Hudson Street, just above a certain 3-cornered enclosure yclept Abingdon Square, if you happen to know it - I have, as before, the whole 2nd floor - very neatly furnished - but the rooms are smaller than in 6th Street, & my Plant room, especially, much cramped - The "folks" are Scotch, with an only son, at boarding school, so I have again a quiet house - which is, with me, a very great point - The mistress seems to

be a hard-working, very civil body, & should I be again taken seriously ill, I venture to anticipate more kindness & attention than I received last summer. At present, I bless God, I am in very comfortable health, tho' I have had a week of fatigue & annoyance.

By the Canada (hence 4 Dec.) I sent some Carics to Boott, by the hands of a friend, & enclosed in my package what I had for Dr. Mountain, & one of my papers which I requested Boott to forward to May. Fund.

I sent you one, by mail, which doubtless reached you. I observe by your notice of Vol. XII DC. (for which thanks) that May. Fund. has changed the ordinal appel. to Salsolaceæ, which in point of Euphony, & greater brevity is an improvement. My remarks will be just in time to be too late, I fear —

The news of, & from your dear good wife, are any thing but what I could have wished. I shall hope, however, that the coming summer may do more for her than she herself seems to anticipate — My best love, & thanks for her portion of your last — notwithstanding the scolding, which, if I remember rightly, was embodied in what she wrote — As a whole, it was not a bitter cup, sweetened with a single lump of sugar — but, a pleasant draught with a drop or two of bitters, by way of corrective (?)

May God bless you both, Prays Yr affte

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For the last 2 or 3 weeks, I have scarcely looked at a plant — except to sort out & pack up the Carices for our friend Boott — Health continuing (& spirits mending a little, of which there is need!) I shall superintend a sort of rough bench, in my plant room, for working; & gluing — the last troublesome & wearying — tho' needful —

I confess that this letter is not worth 6.^d but it seemed necessary to give you my address — wherefore I pray you to excuse the infliction — I had a note from Torrey — two days since — all well.

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